

Headteacher's Message

Firstly, I would like to extend you all a very warm welcome back to school at the start of the Summer Term! I hope that you all had a lovely Easter break and it has been great to see all the children back in school this week and hear about their Easter adventures.

Yesterday, Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Tropical World in Leeds, to enhance their understanding about the Amazon Rainforest. They had a wonderful day and all the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

You may have noticed our new playground markings that were completed over the Easter break, to provide more games for children to play at playtimes. Also, we had some building work completed over Easter to create another space in school that can be used for small group work and it looks fantastic!

If anyone has any cycling helmets that they no longer need (ages 5/6 ideally) please could you consider donating them to school for our cycling club? Thank you in advance.

This newsletter contains some key information at the start of this new term and if you have any questions about any aspect of this newsletter, please get in touch and we will be happy to help!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

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AWARD WINNERS



Achiever of the Week – 25th April

Reception – Joshua A
Year 1 – Willow B
Year 2 – Dylan L
Year 3 – Ben L
Year 4 – Emily F
Year 5 – Eesaah S
Year 6 – Daisy S

Golden Book Winner – 25th April

Reception – Louie D
Year 1 – Jack J
Year 2 – Freddie H
Year 3 – Maisie W
Year 4 – George T
Year 5 – Ava P
Year 6 – William J

Well done to everyone who has achieved a recognition award during this week too!

House Point Winners

25th April – Saxons

Warm Weather Reminder

Next week, the forecast is for temperatures to rise so please can I remind you to apply suncream to your child before school and also send them to school with a hat, so that we can all enjoy the sunshine safely!

Year 6 Open Classroom – Date Change

Please accept our apologies but it will be necessary to change the date of the Year 6 Open Classroom event. The new date will be Wednesday 4th June from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. Therefore, the confirmed Open Classroom dates are:

Year 1 – Monday 19th May from 1:30pm to 3:00pm
Year 2 – Tuesday 20th May from 10:30am to 12:00pm
Year 3 – Tuesday 20th May from 1:30pm to 3:00pm
Year 5 – Monday 12th May from 1:30pm to 3:00pm
Year 6 – Wednesday 4th June from 1:30pm to 3:00pm

The date for the Year 4 Open Classroom will be confirmed next week.

Parent Governor Nominations

Earlier this week, we sent out information and nomination forms for the vacant position of Parent Governor on our Governing Body.

Our Governing Board meet termly and they discuss, evaluate and make strategic decisions about a range of aspects to do with school life at Coates Lane. We are really lucky to have such a supportive, active and friendly governing body and we hope that you will consider joining this.

If this is of interest to you, please complete the nomination form and return it to school by Tuesday 6th May. If you want any further information about this role, I would be happy to have a chat about it with you so please feel free to ask.

Requests for Leave During Term Time

I just wanted to clarify the process for requesting leave during term time. We would actively discourage you from taking your child out of school during term time but if you decide to do this, you must complete a form, which can be obtained from the school office. Leave requests will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances, and 99% of these requests are marked as unauthorised absences.

If your child has more than 4 and a half days of unauthorised absences **for any reason** during a 10 week rolling period, a penalty notice will be issued by the local authority.

Please consider carefully if you are planning to take your child out of school during term time and think about whether there is another time you could do this, during the school holidays.

Yellow Zig-Zag Markings

Please can I again remind all parents and carers that **no vehicles are permitted to stop on the yellow zig-zag markings outside school, even just to drop off or pick up for even a few seconds.**

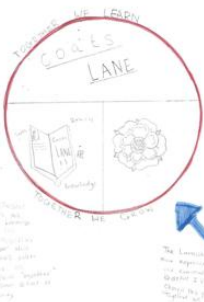
If you do stop on these markings, you are potentially putting our children in danger as they cross the road to and from school.

Despite previous reminders, a small number of vehicles do continue to stop on these markings so I have been left with no choice other than to request support from the local traffic enforcement team to help with this situation.

Thank you to all parents and carers who do support and understand this and therefore help to keep our children safe.

School Logo Design Competition

Thank you to everyone who entered the competition to design a new school logo – the submitted designs look amazing! All the submitted designs are included on this newsletter and if you have any feedback about them that you would like to share, including any that you prefer, please speak to me or email me on dtoddington@coateslane.lancs.sch.uk. We hope to present our final winning logo in the next week or so!



Here are the 12 designs for the logo competition. Please let me know what you think!

Coates Lane Primary School Presents...

SCAN HERE TO VISIT OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE!

Pre-school Forest School fun for September 2026 starters

Refreshments will be provided throughout the afternoon!

Juice and biscuits for the kids and brews and biscuits for the grown ups!

Is your child due to start Reception class in September 2026?
 If so, we would love you to come along to our Forest School Fun session on Tuesday 20th May from 1:30pm to 3:00pm. There will be a range of outdoor activities taking place—please come dressed for the weather!

Pupils behave well and show positive attitudes to their learning
(Ofsted January 2025)

Please call our school office on 01282 812203 to book your FREE place!

Coates Lane is a happy school where everyone is welcomed
(Ofsted January 2025)

Eco & Gardening Club

Outdoor Action Day

Where: Coates Lane

When: Saturday 3 May

Time: Start at 9am

Please join us if you can, we will start at 9am but you are welcome to come later and stay for as long as you like.

We will be tree planting, fence painting, litter picking and clearing our outside spaces.

Refreshments will be provided.